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(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does nor arise.

Import of Butter Oil

2519. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of butter oil imported during the last three years;

(b) the rate at which such oil was imported and the selling rate in the country; and

(c) what effect it has on the production of butter oil in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The quantity, cost and selling price of commercial imports of butter oil effected during the last three years, is given below:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Cost/MT	Selling price
1992-93	402	Rs. 69,447	Not available
1993-94	Nil	Nil	Nil
1994-95	497	US$ 1600 C&F	Average
	2000	US$ 1730 CIF	selling
	800	US$ 1770 CIF	price
	1008	US$ 1865 CIF	Rs. 84,433/ MT
Total			
1994-95	4305		

(c) The import of butter oil helped the country to increase the supply of liquid milk by resorting to recombination.

Allocation of Budget for R&D in Pharmaceutical Companies

2520. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the R&D expenses account for upto 15 per cent of the annual turnover of all large pharmaceutical companies abroad and in our country the profit before tax does not amount to more than 4-5 per cent of turnover because of price control on pharmaceuticals; and (b) what are the measures which Government propose to take to encourage the large scale allocation of budgets for R&D efforts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) R&D expenses incurred by the companies in the developed countries are much higher than those incurred by the companies in India. However, the reason for lower investment on R&D is not the price control since the prices are fixed after detailed Cost-cum-Technical study of the process and plants of the manufacturers and is based on the data provided by them. It provides for reasonable return on investment. The overall profitability of a company is dependent on a variety of factors viz. product mix, marketing strategy and Competency, cost efficiency of other manufacturers and also as compared to imports. Budget allocation for R&D can have only catalytic role and it is for the industry to rise up to the occasion and meet the challenge.

Kharland Development in Gujarat

2521. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land in Gujarat which is Kharland and remains uncultivated;

(b) whether Government have prepared any programme of development of Kharland and the total land brought under cultivation in the State so far;

(c) if so, whether Government have given any special grant for the development of Kharland in the State; and

(d) if so, the total amount given to the State for the Development of the Kharland area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) In Gujarat State total Kharland Area is estimated as 11.30 lakh hectares.

(b) The State Government has been developing Kharland through the Gujarat Kharland Development Board. So far, about 9129 hectares of Kharland has been brought under cultivation.